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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of claims 1-9 drawn to a predetermined fiber optic distribution cable (corresponding to "Group I" identified by the Examiner) for further prosecution on the merits to which the claims have been restricted. Accordingly, claims 10-21 are withdrawn from further consideration, without prejudice, pending reinstatement in the event the restriction requirement is withdrawn, to be resubmitted or to be re-filed as one or more continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part applications.

This response being fully responsive to the Office Action, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. This response does not result in more independent or total claims than paid for previously. Accordingly, no fee for excess claims is due. The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee due in connection with the filing of this response to Deposit Account No. 19-2167. If an extension of time not already accounted for is required with this response, Applicants hereby petition for such extension of time and the Examiner is likewise authorized to charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 19-2167.

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